GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—(*Resumed*).

VI. Amendment of Standing Orders of the Representative Assembly.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT, explained the amendments as follows:—

Report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the amendment of the Standing Orders of the Representative Assembly with a view to simplify the procedure for amending the said Standing Orders:—

We, the undersigned members of the Special Committee to which the proposed amendment of the Standing Orders of the Representative Assembly was referred, have considered the amendment and have the honour to submit this our Report.

The majority of the members consider that no distinction need be made between Government amendments and amendments proposed by private members.

As regards the number of members whose support is necessary for proceeding with a proposed amendment of Standing Orders, we consider that the suggestion in the draft reducing the number to fifty may be adopted.

As regards the composition of the Special Committee for considering amendments of Standing Orders, we agree to the change proposed in the draft.

In the result we are of opinion that the existing orders 27 to 31 need no modification except the following, *viz.*:—

(1) The substitution of the words "not less than fifty members" for the words "more than half the total number of members" in Standing Order 29; and

(2) the substitution of the words "the Secretary to Government, Law Department" for the words "the Government Advocate" in Standing Order 30.

(Sd.) K. Matthan (*Chairman*).	(Sd.) H. Krishna Rao.
,, M. Ramachandra Rao.	,, B. S. Puttaswamy.
,, H. C. Dasappa.	,, P. Subbarama Chetty.
,, S. C. Malliah.	,, Sylvester Pais.

Amendment.

"27. Unless the President otherwise directs not less than 15 days' notice of a motion by a member for amending the standing orders shall be given to the Secretary and the notice shall be accompanied by a draft of the proposed amendment.

Notice of proposal for amending the standing orders.

28. (1) The motion shall be set down for such day as the President may direct.

Government amendments and amendments accepted by Government.

(2) Government amendments and amendments accepted by Government will be placed before the Assembly at the beginning of the session, and if no objection is raised, they will be regarded as passed.

Other amendments.

(3) In the case of other amendments the President shall, when the motion is reached, ask whether the member has the leave of the Assembly. If objection is taken, the President shall request those members who support the motion to rise in their places, and if not less than fifty members rise accordingly the President shall intimate that the member has the leave of the Assembly.

Appointment of a committee.

(4) (*a*) When any objection is taken to any Government amendment or any amendment accepted by Government, and where a member has the leave of the Assembly to proceed in the case of the other amendments, it shall be moved that the draft amendments be referred to a Special Committee. A member of the Government shall be the Chairman of the Special Committee and the Secretary to Government, Law Department, and nine non-official members of the Assembly elected by the Assembly in such manner as the President may determine, shall be the members.

(*b*) After a draft has been referred to a Special Committee, the procedure in regard to Bills committed to the Select Committees of the Legislative Council, shall, as far as may be, be followed with such necessary alterations as the President may direct."

In consequence of this amendment, the succeeding Standing Orders 32 and 33 will have to be re-numbered as 29 and 30.

The House unanimously agreed to the amendments proposed by the Special Committee being adopted.

REPRESENTATIONS.—(*Contd.*)

No. 5.—Reduction of Fees relating to Record of Rights Scheme. Mr. Doddegowada, Gubbi Taluk.

It is prayed that Government may reduce the fees at present levied in connection with the Record of Rights